

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 110431  
ORIGIN NASA-02

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 OES-07 ACDA-07 CIAE-00  
DODE-00 PM-04 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 ERDA-05  
SS-15 PA-01 PRS-01 USIA-06 /076 R

DRAFTED BY NASA/I/BMZOOK:GG  
APPROVED BY EUR/SOV:MGARRISON  
EUR/P:FSEIDNER (INFO)  
OES/APT/SEP:DCRAMER  
-----150237Z 007076 /70  
P 142215Z MAY 77  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 110431

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: TSPA, PFOR, UR, US

SUBJECT: SPACE AGREEMENT: PRESS RELEASE ON SHUTTLE-SALYUT  
AGREEMENT (04.06.00)

REF: MOSCOW 6521

FOR SCICOUN FROM ZOOK

1. PLEASE INFORM INTERKOSMOS SOONEST THAT NASA PLANS ON  
MONDAY, MAY 16 TO RELEASE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT ON  
CONCLUSION OF SHUTTLE-SALYUT AGREEMENT, WHICH CAME INTO  
EFFECT MAY 11 WITH SIGNING BY ACADEMY PRESIDENT ALEKSANDROV  
(REFTEL):

2. BEGIN TEXT: NASA AND THE U.S.S.R. ACADEMY OF SCIENCES  
HAVE AGREED ON FURTHER COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF MANNED  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 110431

SPACE FLIGHT.

THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED MAY 6, 1977, BY DR. ALAN M.  
LOVELACE, ACTING ADMINISTRATOR OF NASA, AND MAY 11, 1977,  
BY ANATOLY P. ALEKSANDROV, THE PRESIDENT OF THE ACADEMY OF  
SCIENCES OF THE SOVIET UNION.

THE AGREEMENT IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE CONTINUITY OF THE JOINT TECHNICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY DEVELOPED THROUGH THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL APOLLO-SOYUZ RENDEZVOUS AND DOCKING MISSION CONDUCTED IN JULY 1975. THREE JOINT WORKING GROUPS WILL PREPARE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TWO NEW PROGRAMS, ONE DEALING WITH ORBITAL MANNED FLIGHT ACTIVITIES AND THE OTHER WITH A POSSIBLE FUTURE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION.

THE FIRST WORKING GROUP WILL BEGIN STUDIES SOON ON SCIENTIFIC AND APPLICATIONS PROGRAMS THAT MAY BE CONDUCTED IN JOINT OPERATIONS OF THE AMERICAN SPACE SHUTTLE AND THE SOVIET SALYUT SPACE STATION IN THE EARLY 1980S. A SECOND WORKING GROUP SIMULTANEOUSLY WILL DEVELOP PLANS FOR THESE JOINT OPERATIONS.

THE TWO WORKING GROUPS WILL SEEK TO DEFINE PROJECTS WHICH MIGHT BENEFIT FROM THE FLEXIBLE DELIVERY CAPABILITY AND LARGE CAPACITY OF THE AMERICAN SPACE SHUTTLE AND THE CAPABILITY FOR LONGER STAY-TIME IN ORBIT REPRESENTED BY THE SOVIET SALYUT. THE EMPHASIS WILL BE ON A "SCIENCE FIRST" PROGRAM WHICH WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE CAPABILITIES AND FULLY JUSTIFY THE CONTEMPLATED JOINT OPERATION.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE STUDIES OF THE SHUTTLE/SALYUT PROGRAM WILL BE COMPLETED WITHIN 18 TO 24 MONTHS, PRODUCING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY BOTH SIDES.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 STATE 110431

THE AGREEMENT ALSO ESTABLISHES A THIRD JOINT WORKING GROUP WHOSE TASK WILL BE TO CONDUCT A SERIES OF PHASED STUDIES OF AN INTERNATIONAL SPACE PLATFORM, OR STATION. IF SUCH STUDIES DEVELOP CONSENSUS ON THE OBJECTIVES OF FUTURE SPACE STATIONS, FURTHER STUDIES WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE AGREEMENT ON THE CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OF THE STATIONS.

NEITHER SIDE IS COMMITTED TO STEPS BEYOND THE INITIAL STUDIES AND EACH RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PROCEED WITH ITS INDEPENDENT NATIONAL SPACE STATION INTERESTS. THE AGREEMENT DOES, HOWEVER, RAISE THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE TWO SIDES MAY BE ABLE TO CONCERT THEIR SPACE STATION INTERESTS IN SOME DEGREE, THEREBY OFFERING POTENTIAL ECONOMIES AND EFFICIENCIES. END TEXT.

CHRISTOPHER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** PRESS RELEASES  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 14-May-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977STATE110431  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** GG  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770172-0167  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19770557/aaaabwuq.tel  
**Line Count:** 114  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 1635d593-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ORIGIN NASA  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 77 MOSCOW 6521  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 17-Mar-2005 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2518704  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** SPACE AGREEMENT: PRESS RELEASE ON SHUTTLE-SALYUT AGREEMENT (04.06.00)  
**TAGS:** TSPA, PFOR, UR, US  
**To:** MOSCOW  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/1635d593-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009